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SUBJECT: MFA COMPLAINS ABOUT TREATMENT GIVEN TO COMMANDER KYEREMEH

1.DIRECTOR EUROPE AND AMERICAS LAMPTEY CALLED POLITICAL COUNSELOR TO MFA MAY 29 TO RAISE TWO CASES IN WHICH GHANAIAAN OFFICIAL FELT TREATMENT RECEIVED IN US WAS NOT UP TO STANDARDS THEY FELT RANK ENTITLED THEM TO. (OTHER CASE IN SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL.)

2. LAMPTEY SAID EXPERIENCE OF COMMANDERJ.A. KYEREMEH, WESTERN REGIONAL COMMISSIONER, AS INTERNATIONAL VISITOR WAS "NOT PLEASANT". HE SAID KYEREMEH WAS OF MINISTERIAL RANK (AS HE IS) AND SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN (1) LUMPED WITH GROUP INCLUDING VISTORS OF LESSOR RANK, (2) PUT IN LESS THAN FIRST CLASS TRAVEL ACCOMMODATIONS AND (3) PUT IN POSITIONOF CARRYING HIS OWN BAGS. HE SAID GOG WELCOMED EXCHANGE PROGRAM BUT ADDED THAT WHAT WAS ACCEPTABLE FOR LESSOR OFFICIALS WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR HIGHER RANKS (I.E., COMMISSIONERS). HE THOUGHT PERSONALIZED TRIP WITH ESCORT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. HE ADDED THAT IN HIS VIEW (BASED PARTLY ON SERVERAL YEARS EXPERIENCE IN US AS WELL AS BEING ON RECEIVING END OF KYEREMEH'S COMPLAINTS AND THOSE MADE TO HIM BY AMBASSADOR QUARM WHEN LAMPTEY WAS RECENTLY IN WASHINGTON) AFRICAN-AMERICAN INSTITUTE WAS NOT PLACE TO HANDLE HIGH RANK VISITORS. QUARM HAD NOTED THAT GHANAIAAN EMBASSY WAS NOT GIVEN TIME TO ENTERTAIN KEYEREMEH EXPECT BY KEYEREMEH'S CANCELLING ANOTHER ENGAGEMENT. QUARM HOPED THAT CLOSER LIAISON WOULD BE PRACTICED IN FUTURE.

3.COMMENT:EMBASSY, OF COURSE, DOES NOT BUY ALL OF COMPLAINTS BUT IT IS EVIDENT THAT SOME DISAPPOINTMENT EXISTS. GROUP NATURE
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OF KYEREMEH'S TRIP WAS EXPLAINED TO AND ACCEPTED BY HIM PRIOR

TO HIS DEPARTURE. HOWEVER, IT DOES AGAIN POINT OUT THE
SENSITIVENESS OF GHANAIANS TO WHAT APPEARS TO THEM TO BE
A SLIGHT.
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